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SUBJECT: ITALIAN METALWORKERS FEDERATION IS ADMITTED TO THE EMF

1. ON JANUARY 29 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN METALWORKERS FEDERATION VOTED TO ADMIT THE 800,000 MEMBER ITALIAN METALWORKER FEDERATION (FLM) WHICH INCLUDES THE COMMUNIST CONTROLLED ITALIAN CGIL METALWORKERS UNION. THE VOTE WAS 24 TO 6 IN FAVOR OF FLM AFFILIATION. THE DECISION SWELLS EMF MEMBERSHIP TO 6,200,000.

2. AMONG OTHER ACTIONS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVED GUIDELINES FOR GRANTING ASSOCIATE EMF MEMBERSHIP STATUS TO UNIONS FROM NON-EEC COUNTRIES AND SELECTED BELGIAN CHRISTIAN METALWORKER LEADER HUBERT THIERRON AS THE NEW EMF ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY REPLACING DAVID FOWLER WHO HAS RETURNED TO IMF HEAD-QUARTERS STAFF IN GENEVA.

3. ACCORDING TO EMF GENERAL SECRETARY KOPKE, A MEMBERSHIP
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APPLICATION FROM THE FRENCH CGT METALWORKERS UNION WAS SHELVED

WITHOUT DISCUSSION. HOWEVER, ANOTHER RELIABLE MISSION SOURCE WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING REPORTED THAT THE CGT APPLICATION WAS DISCUSSED AND WILL BE ON THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN JUNE. THE SAME SOURCE TOLD US THAT GERMAN METAL UNION LEADER LOEDERER ANGRILY DECLARED THAT HIS UNION WILL DISAFFILIATE FROM THE EMF IF THE CGT UNION IS ADMITTED. DETAILED REPORT AND ASSESSMENT FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM GREENWALD

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